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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following remarks are provided in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2001. Both a marked-up copy of the claims and a clean replacement copy of the claims are provided for the convenience of the Examiner.

In the **CLAIMS**:

Please **ADD** new claims as follows:

45. (New) The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

when the interrupt is asserted, transferring the one of the plurality of inbound queues to the outbound queue or an outbound controller associated with the outbound queue.